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Honorable William E. Colby, Jr. Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

As you know, Dr. Sayre Stevens, Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology, represented the Central Intelligence Agency on a panel here at The National War College on November 25th. The topic the panel addressed was The Intelligence Community, Its Composition and Its Influence in the National Security Decisionmaking Process.

It is a pleasure for me to report that Dr. Stevens' participation was admirable and extremely effective. He made two of the most crucial points of the entire enterprise, viz: (1) it is important, of course, to be right; and (2) one cannot rest one's case for credibility on the force of simple authority. These, as he elaborated and filled them out, with his anecdotal approach for illustration, resulted in a truly superior presentation. He was responsive and forthright in responding to our student questions. All in all, he was a worthy, competent, and effective representative of the Agency.

I write to thank you for sending Dr. Stevens to our panel. I would appreciate your conveying to Dr. Stevens our deep gratitude.

Sincerely,

M.G.BAYNE

Vice Admiral, U.S.Navy

Commandant

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